

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS SECTION MEETING

MINUTES

The Professional Engineers Section of the Virginia Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects (APELSCIDLA Board) met on May 10, 2007, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 3600 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, with the following members present:

Nico De León
Stanley C. Harris
Wiley V. Johnson, III

Staff present for all or part of the meeting were:

Jay W. DeBoer, Director
Mark N. Courtney, Executive Director
Marian H. Brooks, Program Administrator
Michelle Gowen, Administrative Assistant

No representative was present from the Office of the Attorney General.

Mr. De León, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Call to Order

Mr. Harris moved to approve the agenda. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: De León, Harris, and Johnson.

**Approval of
Agenda**

There were no comments made to the Section members.

**Public Comment
Period**

Barry Grear - President Elect, World Federation of Engineering Organisations, Past National President Engineers Australia, Inaugural Chair of the APEC Engineer Coordinating Committee, C/- International and National Policy Directorate; Kate Hurford - Associate Director, Public Policy, International and National Policy Directorate, Engineers Australia; Prudence Gordon - Executive Officer, FTA Commitments and Implementation Section, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Angela Pickett - Acting Director, China Economic and Trade Section, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade; Toni Harmer - Counsellor, Trade Policy, Australian Embassy Washington, D.C. were all present to give an overview of their wishes to have a reciprocal agreement for licensure with the Virginia Board.

**Meet with
Representatives from
Engineers Australia**

After discussion, the Section members agreed by consensus to consider the request at the APELSCIDLA Board meeting on June 14, 2007.

The Section members were provided with the draft proposed regulations from the Continuing Education Committee for review. After discussion, the Section members made recommendations for changes to be considered at the APELSCIDLA Board meeting in June.

**Review of Draft
Proposed Wording
for Continuing
Education
Requirements**

Mr. De León moved to strike the last sentence of subsection C.1 of 18 VAC 10-20-683. Mr. Harris seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: De León, Harris, and Johnson.

Mr. Courtney mentioned that Mr. Fauber of the Architects Section requested that retired licensees who wish to keep their licenses active be exempt from the continuing education requirements. Mr. Courtney also noted that the underlying statute prohibits this and licenses of the Board are licensed for life per § 54.1-405 of the *Code of Virginia*.

Mr. Harris reviewed and discussed the topics addressed at the NCEES NE Zone Meeting held in Newport, Rhode Island. Major topics discussed at the meeting were: BS+30 education requirement; Canadian representatives pursuing reciprocal licensure; and the 2009 NE Zone Meeting to be held in Virginia.

**Report from NCEES
NE Zone Meeting**

Mr. De León nominated Mr. Johnson as Chair of the Professional Engineers Section for a term beginning June 1, 2007, and ending June 31, 2008. Mr. Harris seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: De León and Harris. Mr. Johnson abstained from the vote.

Election of Officers

The Section members were provided with various memorandums and notices from NCEES and ABET.

**Review of
Information from
NCEES and ABET**

Mr. Johnson requested a copy of the December 2006 APELSCIDLA Board meeting minutes to review the Professional Engineer's vote on Landscape Architects designing storm water systems.

Other Business

Mr. Courtney informed the Section members that a discussion on *Record Documents* would be a topic at the APELSCIDLA Board meeting in June.

Mr. Courtney requested that the Section members limit the time they have applications for review so staff will have adequate time to process applications and notify applicants.

Conflict of Interest forms were completed by all members present.

**Conflict of Interest
Forms**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m. **Adjourn**



Nico De León, Chair

Jay W. DeBoer, Secretary

**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CONFLICT OF INTERESTS ACT**

**TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
for Officers and Employees of State Government**

1. Name: Stanley C. Harris
2. Title: Member
3. Agency: Professional Engineers Section
4. Transaction: Section Meeting on May 10, 2007
5. Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction: None

6. I declare that:

(a) I am a member of the following business, profession, occupation or group, the members of which are affected by the transaction:

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(b) I am able to participate in this transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.


Signature

5/10/07
Date

**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CONFLICT OF INTERESTS ACT**

**TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
for Officers and Employees of State Government**

1. Name: Nico De León
2. Title: Member
3. Agency: Professional Engineers Section
4. Transaction: Section Meeting on May 10, 2007
5. Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction: _____

None

6. I declare that:

(a) I am a member of the following business, profession, occupation or group, the members of which are affected by the transaction:

Engineering

(b) I am able to participate in this transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.

Signature

[Signature]

Date

5/8/07

**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CONFLICT OF INTERESTS ACT**

**TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
for Officers and Employees of State Government**

1. Name: Wiley V. Johnson, III
2. Title: Member
3. Agency: Professional Engineers Section
4. Transaction: Section Meeting on May 10, 2007
5. Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction: None
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6. I declare that:

(a) I am a member of the following business, profession, occupation or group, the members of which are affected by the transaction:

(b) I am able to participate in this transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.


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